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1. EMBOFF CALLED DEC 18 ON FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTING DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS MBEWE TO LEAVE AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING FULL ENGLISH TEXT OF LON NOL SPEECH. IN PRESENTING TEXT EMBOFF STRESSED THAT IN VIEW USG LON NOL SPEECH DEMONSTRATES FLEXIBILITY OF KHMER REPUBLIC AND ITS DESIRE SEEK A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IN CAMBODIA WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED. PARALLEL WAS DRAWN TO RECENT LUSAKA TALKS OUTCOME OF WHICH WAS AGREE-MENT BY IAN SMITH REGIME AND ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO INITIATE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS ON FUTURE OF RHODESIA WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS ON EITHER SIDE. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT IF GRZ COULD SUPPORT PRINCIPLE OF NEGOTIATED SEXLEMENT IN RHODESIA WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS IT SHOULD SHARE WITH USG VIEW THAT ALL STATES HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENCOURAGE AND HELP MAINTAIN MOMENTUM TOWARD SIMILAR NEGOTIATIONS AMONG CAMBODIANS.

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2. MBEWE AGREED BRING US VIEWS ON CAMBODIAN

NEGOTIATIONS TO ATTENTION HIS "SECOND FLOOR"
PRINCIPALS. ASKED BY MBEWE WHAT USG WOULD LIKE
ZAMBIA TO DO, EMBOFF REPLIED THAT THROUGH ZAMBIAN
AMBASSADOR TO PEKING OR OTHER CONTACT WITH
SIHANOUK, ZAMBIANS COULD LET KHMER ROUGE KNOW
THAT THEY FAVOR EARLY NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT
PRECONDITIONS AND URGE SIHANOUK TO
CONSIDER SERIOUSLY LON NOL'S OFFER TO ENTER
INTO SUCH TALKS.

3. COMMENT: AS ZAMBIANS ARE PRESENTLY IN RATHER SELF-CONGRATULATORY MOOD OVER PART THEY HAVE PLAYED IN GETTING AGREEMENT AMONG RHODESIAN PARTIES TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS, THERE IS MARGINAL CHANCE THEY MAY BE AGREEABLE TO SPEAKING TO SIHANOUK ALONG LINES WE SUGGESTED. WILKOWSKI

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